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PolOff delivered reftel demarche on UN reform to MFA UN Deputy Director Eugen Mihut on June 27. Mihut replied that Romania's position would be the same as the EU common position, which he said was not yet fixed in detail. Mihut said he had just come back last week from the Committee on UN Issues (COMUN) in Brussels where they discussed UN reform and whether to link it with the budget cap. He said there was agreement that the EU would stick to its December decision that "implicitly linked the budget cap and reform, but avoided clear conditionality." He said there was some disagreement yet to be worked out as some states wanted a tougher position. He described the EU position as favoring further reform and looked favorably on the draft resolution, but wondered whether it could conceivably be passed by June 130.

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